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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIAN INTEREST IN US-SWISS JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE
TREATY

REF: CANBERRA 388

1. ALTHOUGH SIGNED ON MAY 25, 1973, THE TREATY BETWEEN
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE SWISS CONFEDERATION
ON MUTUAL ASSISTANCE ON CRIMINAL MATTERS (MORE COMMONLY
KNOWN AS THE US-SWISS JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE TREATY) HAS
NOT YET BEEN ENTERED INTO FORCE. THE TREATY AND ITS
IMPLEMENTATION LEGISLATION WERE APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE
LOWER HOUSE OF THE SWISS PARLIAMENT ON DECEMBER 12, AND
THE UPPER HOUSE IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN CONSIDERATION OF THE
MEASURES IN MARCH. ON THE US SIDE, THE SENATE WILL PROBABLY
RECEIVE THE TREATY EARLY IN THE CURRENT SESSION. IF THE
RATIFICATION PROCEDURES CAN BE COMPLETED WITHOUT UNDUE
DELAY (AND NO SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS ARE FORESEEN AT THIS
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TIME), THE TREATY COULD BE ENTERED INTO FORCE BEFORE

THE END OF 1975.

2. IN THE MEANTIME, THE USG CONTINUES TO HANDLE JUDICIAL
ASSISTANCE REQUESTS WITH THE SWISS GOVERNMENT ON AN AD HOC,
CASE-BY-CASE BASIS. KISSINGER

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